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president's message

Since the last Association Newsletter, plans have proceeded toward next year's annual convention. A tentative format for the event has been worked out which will meet many of the major suggestions offered in the convention evaluation forms. For example, the opening general session has been scheduled for mid-morning on Thursday, April 20, thereby getting the meeting underway without undue delay. The Association business session has been moved to Thursday afternoon to insure good attendance and participation. The banquet format and presentation has been decided and should meet all the constructive suggestions you clearly relayed to us. But we are holding back the publicity on this event until later. We are trying hard to obtain a speaker of national reknown for the opening general session, but it's too early to confirm anything yet. Work on planning good, relevant in-service programs is beginning at this time and will receive intensified effort throughout the remainder of the year. Many other ideas are being worked on, such as better space arrangements, more displays, other varieties of entertainment after the banquet, which should make for a top notch convention - all for you.

To provide some concerted thrust towards meeting next year's attendance goal of 1500, we have sent to each college president in the Association a suggested attendance figure for his institution. With early budget planning and reasonable promotion at the local level, these modest "goals" can be reached and record participation in an outstanding convention will be realized.

In other matters, we have recently expressed concern on behalf of the Association to Senators Sparkman and Allen regarding the so-called 85-15 requirement by the V. A. (P.L. 94-502). Briefly, the rule requires that no more than 85 percent of those attending any one program at an institution may be veterans. The main thrust of the rule apparently is to eliminate situations where programs have been offered to exploit the G. I. Bill. While the problem the V. A. is attempting to address is appreciated, it would seem that all institutions are being unduly regulated because of the indiscretions of a few.

A suggested change in the law was offered to the effect that the 85-15 percent rule not be required for established programs, that is,

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programs in full operation for two or more years.

It is now our information that a bill co-sponsored by Senators Abourezk and Allen, S. 236, is currently pending before the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee. The bill provides for repeal of the 85-15 percent ratio part of the law.

You can readily see your Association is active and well. Plans for the annual meeting are well advanced at this point, and you will be kept informed regularly through the Newsletter on new developments.

Thanks, Joan

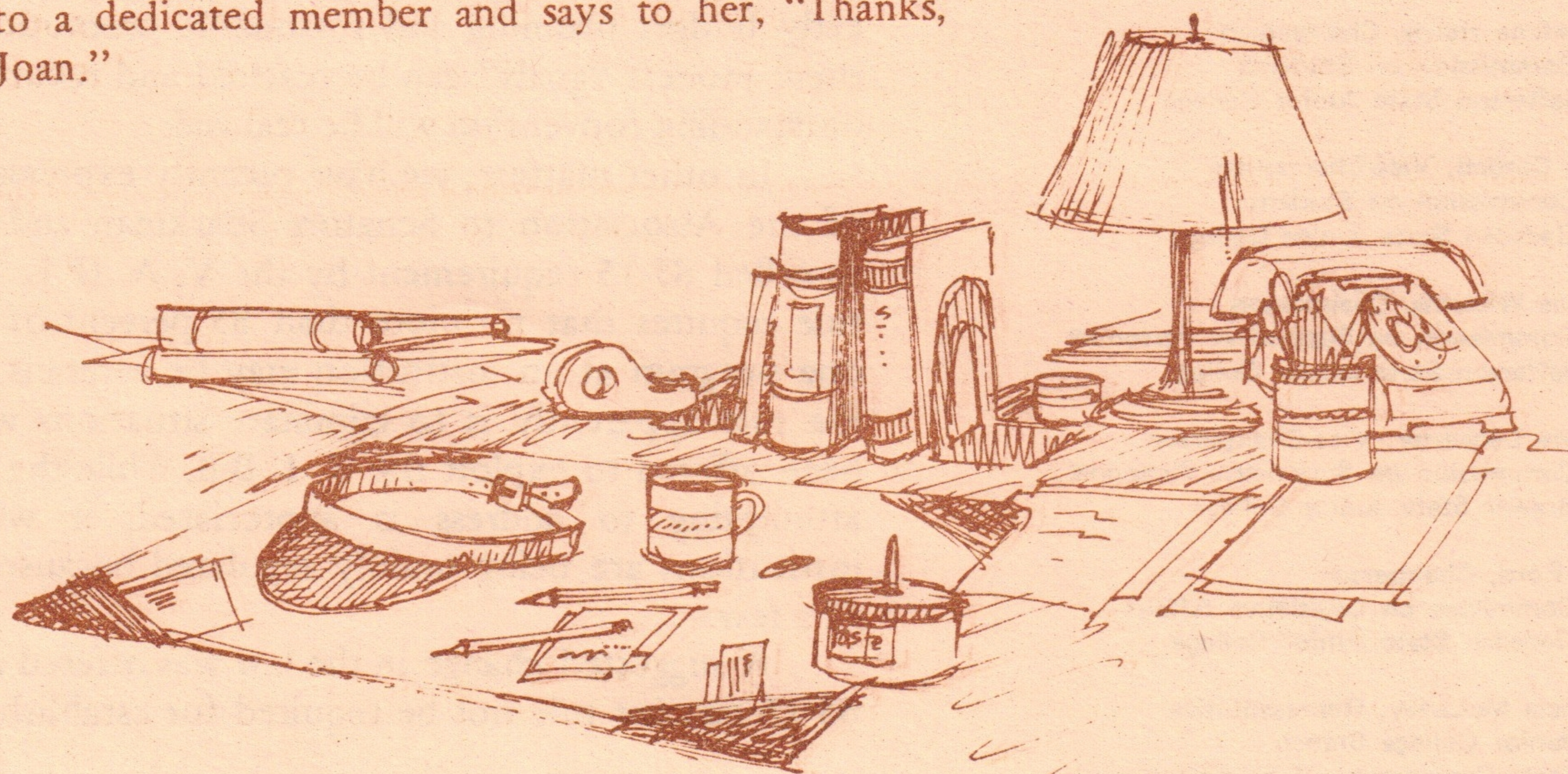
Joan Goree of Calhoun Community College has resigned her position as Publications Editor of the AJCCA.

From the very first issue of the Newsletter, Joan has been the editor. For three years, she has almost singlehandedly prepared, produced, and distributed 3500 copies of each issue of this publication for four issues per year. And this work was done after her regular work day was completed.

In her letter of resignation Joan said, "I have appreciated the opportunity to contribute in some small way to the development of the Newsletter and to the further development and growth of this Association."

In no small way has Joan contributed to this Association. Her contribution has been great.

The Association extends its sincere appreciation to a dedicated member and says to her, "Thanks, Joan."



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Committees Appointed

With the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, Association President Dr. Les Sims has appointed the following committees:

Nominating:

Dr. B.A. Forrester, Chairman, Enterprise State

Dr. Ernest Clevenger, Alabama Christian

Dr. Ulysses McBride, Bishop State

Ms. Rhoda Kirkpatrick, Calhoun State

Ms. Alice Goins, Chattahoochee Valley State

This committee is charged with placing in nomination two candidates for each of these two offices:

Vice President/President Elect

Treasurer

In his letter of appointment the Association President stated: "We have endeavored to appoint a committee widely representative of the Association membership. In your deliberations, we hope you will keep in mind the present thrust of the Association; that is, one of professional development, in-service training and promotion of the total junior college system. We would also ask that you give attention to nominations that would result in a representative rotation of the Association leadership from year to year."

Fact Book (Special Project):

Dr. Marilyn Beck, Chairman, Lurleen B. Wallace State

Dr. Janice Kennedy, Bishop State

Dr. James Milner, Jefferson State

This committee is charged with the task of producing a quality Fact Book on Alabama Junior Colleges. The project was authorized in April by the Executive Committee when it was decided that the Association should undertake at least one constructive project during the year as well as working towards another outstanding annual conference.

Constitution and By-Laws:

Dr. Gene Crago, Chairman, Jefferson State

Mr. Arthur Howington, Brewer State

Ms. Annette Chamberlain, Gadsden State

This committee is charged with studying the Constitution and By-Laws and making recommendations to the Executive Committee at least forty days prior to the annual Convention April 20, 1978 and to act as a receiving committee for any changes suggested by members throughout the year.

Glimpses of Convention '78

As this edition of the Newsletter goes to press, three Executive Committee sessions have been held. Much planning is complete, and the format of the next annual convention is taking shape with not too much left to the imagination.

But go ahead and imagine, if you will, that you are getting a sneak preview of the coming attraction for 1978. You might glimpse such things as . . .

. . . the opening general session underway on Thursday morning in the magnificent Civic Center Concert Hall with comfortable, uncrowded seating for all.

. . . the Association general business session well attended on Thursday afternoon, also in the Concert Hall, with some terrific door prizes given away.

. . . the streamlined banquet session audience being delighted by one of America's great humorous speakers.

. . . a wide range of something-for-everyone after-banquet activities going on in the form of old time movies, disco dancing, planned trips to Morris Avenue, dancing reminiscent of the 40's, or a stroll to the Festival of Arts in Woodrow Wilson Park just up the street.

. . . well-run, relevant in-service programs of quality on Friday morning for all interest groups.

Those were glimpses? Want to know more? Stay tuned to future issues of the Newsletter.

Report from Commission on Students

This year the Chairperson of the Commission on Students, Shearlene Harris, compiled a list of all counselors in Alabama's Junior Colleges. This list also included the address and phone number of each school. As a service to the members of this Commission, a copy of the list was sent to each of the junior colleges. Hope this list will be of great benefit to each member.

Looking to the 1978 A.J.C.C.A. Meeting, Dr. Harris is considering Cognitive Style Mapping as a major thrust. Any new ideas or other suggestions you may have will be welcomed. You may contact Dr. Harris in care of Jefferson State Junior College, 2601 Carson Road, Birmingham, Alabama 35215.

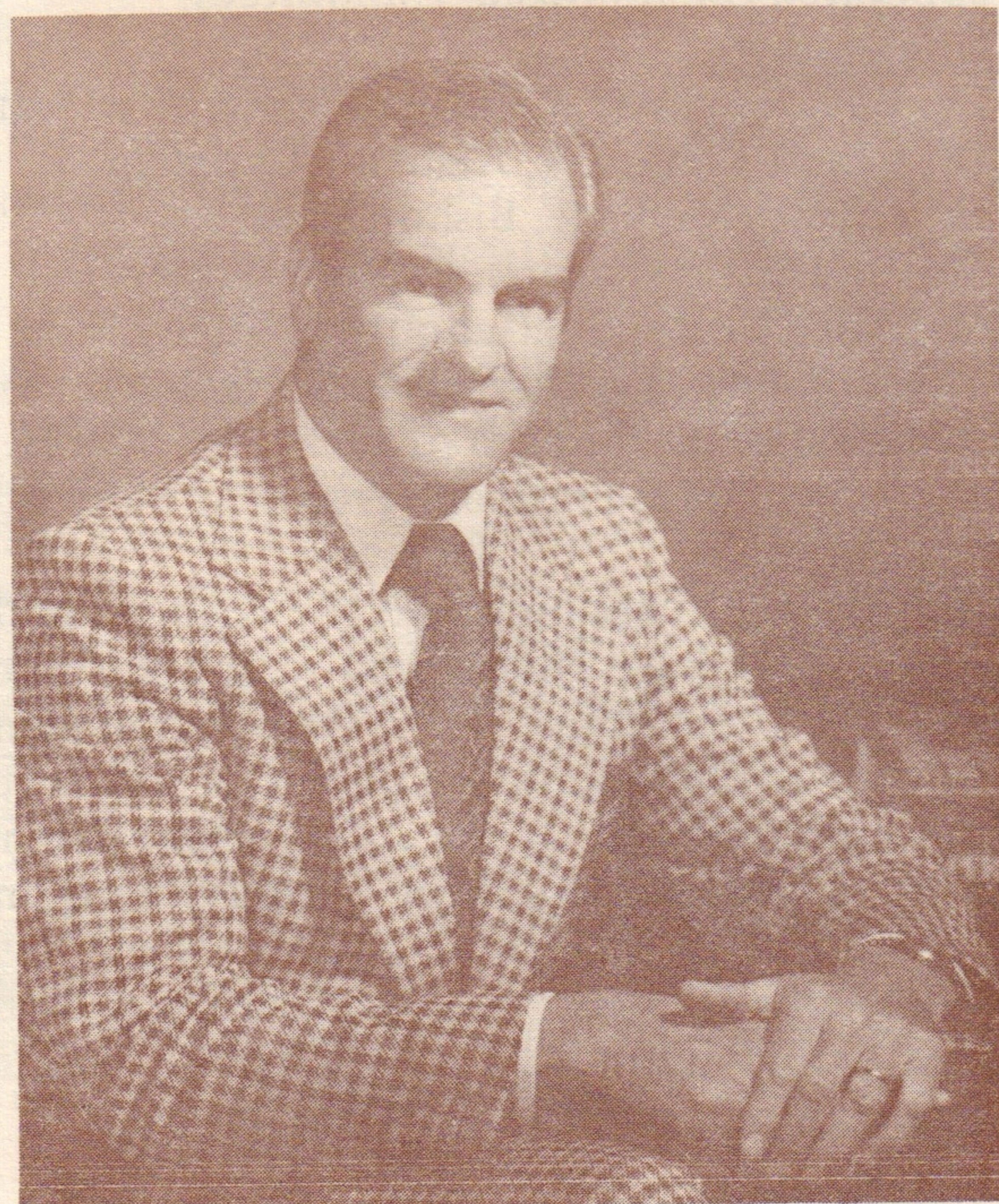
who's what... in the ajcca

LES SIMS - PRESIDENT

Les has served as Business Manager/Treasurer or Dean of Business Affairs at Jefferson State Junior College since its beginning in 1965. His background includes industrial and educational employment. Les served as a member of the Association Executive Committee in 1976-77, was elected to the position of Vice-President/President Elect for 1977-78 but assumed the presidency of the Association upon the resignation of Harry Moore.

Les is an Alabamian by birth, a Texan by indoctrination and a pilot by desire. In addition to his many campus and civic activities, he "reluctantly(?)" serves as Sponsor to the Jefferson State Parachute Club.

Les is married and has two sons, one a dentist and one a physician. How lucky can you get! His wife, Dottie, is employed as secretary to the President of Jefferson State.



SANDRA KING VICE-PRESIDENT/PRESIDENT ELECT

Since 1969, Sandra has been Director of Library Services at Lurleen B. Wallace State Junior College and has been professionally engaged in education since 1965. Sandra has diligently served the Association as secretary in 1975-76 and as treasurer in 1976-77. She was re-elected for a second term as treasurer for the 1977-78 year, but resigned to assume the office of Vice-President/President Elect.

Listed in Outstanding Young Women in America, Outstanding Educators of America, Personalities of the South, and Community Leaders and Noteworthy Americans, Sandra has made her mark in the state and national educational scenes.

Asked about her hobbies and interests, Sandra replied, "Collecting and refinishing antiques, quilting, collecting local art, painting and (of all things) yardwork."





HATTIE NUNNERY - TREASURER

Hattie is an instructor in Secretarial Administration at Alexander City State Junior College. From 1962 until 1969, she taught in Pensacola, Florida and Gloster, Mississippi. Hattie was Association secretary prior to her election to the position of treasurer.

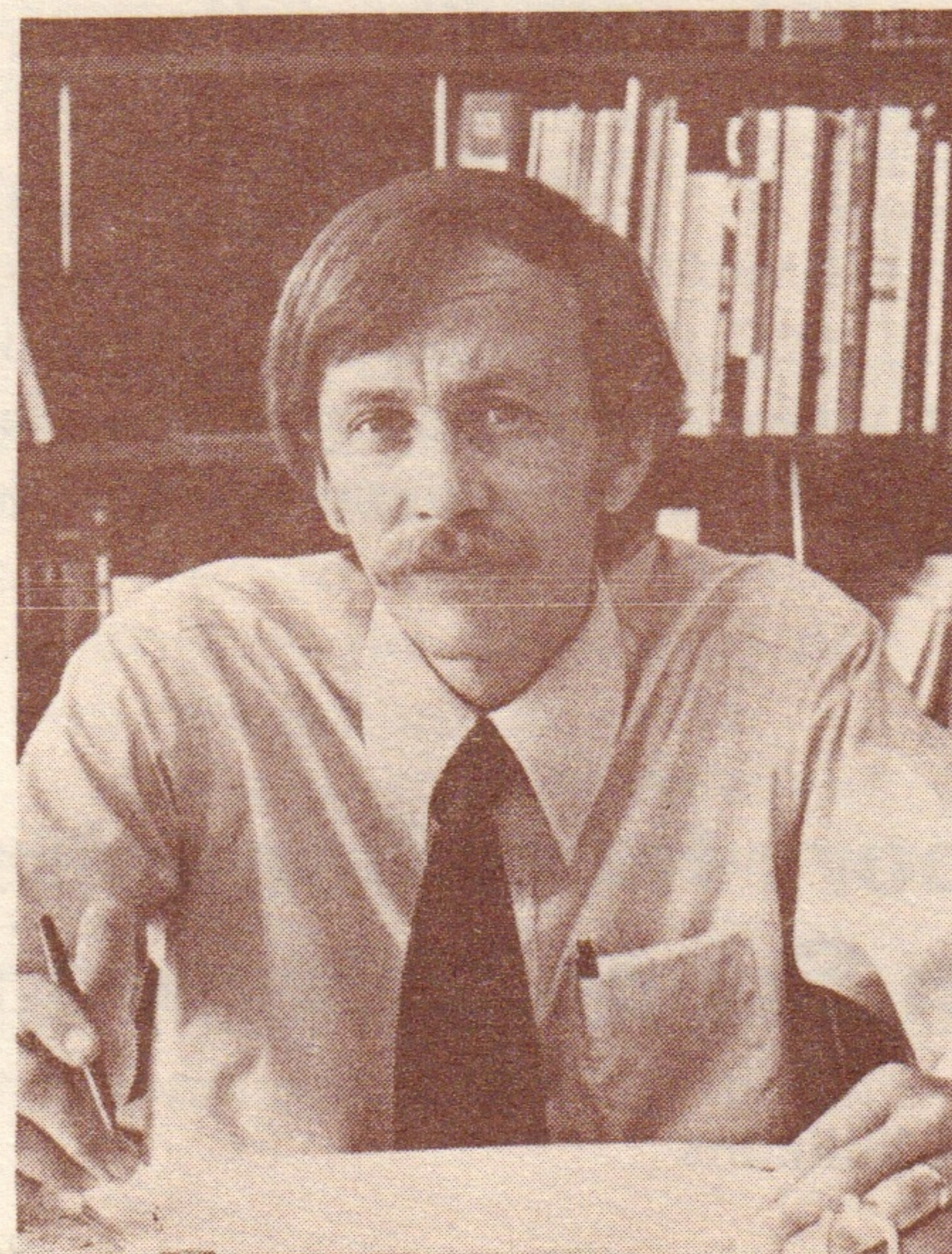
Hattie was born and raised in Liberty, Mississippi and her parents, brothers, and sister still live there.

You might find Hattie at home sitting in an antique chair she bought at a yard sale, listening to a Willie Nelson record, reading, doing needlepoint, eating lemon pie, or planning her next camping trip.

CHARLES COBB - PUBLICATIONS EDITOR

Charles Cobb is the new editor of the AJCCA Newsletter. Born in Auburn, Alabama and raised in California he received his M.S. in Educational Media last year from Auburn University. Prior to attending graduate school, he was the founder and director of the Village School, an alternative elementary school in Auburn. He is now the Coordinator of Instructional Development and Audiovisual Services at Jefferson State.

His interests are in backpacking, art, Mark Twain, photography and a cute little eleven-month-old girl named Jennifer. [Incidentally, Charlie's wife, Jane, designed the front page.]



MARTHA MARKUS - SECRETARY

Martha has been employed at Jefferson State since 1968. She began employment as secretary to the Business Manager and was subsequently appointed to the position of Director of Business Services in 1974. She served on the Association Executive Committee in 1975-76 and was appointed to the secretarial position for 1977-78 by Dr. Sims.

A native of Oklahoma, Martha has been in the secretarial field since 1954. In addition to involvement in campus professional activities, she participates in several community activities involving school age children.

Martha is married and has three children who are students at E. B. Erwin. Her husband, Don, is a salesman for Garner and Grabowski Realty Company.



Vet's "85-15" Waiver Extended

On June 10, Max Cleveland, Veterans Administrator, extended for one year (until June 28, 1978) the waiver of counting students receiving Basic and Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants in determining the application of the Veterans Administration's "85-15" rule. The "85-15" rule negates the eligibility of veterans to receive V. A. benefits while enrolled in a course composed of more than 85% veterans or students receiving other federal or institutional aid. This rule was expanded in October by the 1976 G. I. Bill.

Presently the "85-15" rule affects all colleges certifying veterans for V. A. benefits. The "85-15" rule in its present form specifies the percentage of veterans who can be enrolled in any curriculum and be eligible for V. A. certification. If a curriculum has 85% or more veterans enrolled, no new veterans can be enrolled until the number of veterans decreases to the point where the overall percentage of veterans enrolled within this curriculum is 85% or below.

Report from Commission on Support Personnel

by Lynne Williams

As chairman of the Commission on Support Personnel, I would like to encourage each of you to be thinking about your individual interest group session for the AJCCA Convention, 1978. I have received several good ideas for speakers, programs, etc., but I need your support to make this the best year ever for support personnel.

The chairman of each interest group has been contacted regarding his/her program for next year. Names, addresses, and telephone numbers of these chairmen are listed in the last Newsletter, and I am sure that they would welcome any suggestions.

A goal of 1500 has been set for the Convention, 1978, and support personnel should represent over one-fourth of that number. Let's strive toward 500. We can do it!

League for Innovation Announces Conference

Dr. Terry O'Banion, Executive Director of the League for Innovation in the Community College, has announced a national conference on "Increasing Productivity in the Community College." The meeting will be hosted by Central Piedmont Community College on October 31 - November 1-2, 1977 at the Sheraton-Center Inn in Charlotte, N.C.

"The conference will be focusing on management, faculty and students," says O'Banion, "and we would be delighted to have many good representatives from Alabama."

The League was established in 1968 as a national educational consortium dedicated to stimulating innovation and experimentation.

Association members will recall that Dr. O'Banion was keynote speaker at the last AJCCA convention.

Along with the announcement and invitation to the conference, Terry sends his best wishes and says of his convention appearance, "It was great being in Alabama again. I love the state and the people, and it is always a great delight to be there."

Attendance Goal Set for '78 Convention

Carrying forward with the momentum of the last two conventions, a goal of 1500 at the 1978 annual AJCCA conference was announced recently by Association President, Dr. Les Sims.

"The Executive Committee reviewed attendance records of the last convention and agreed that 1500 was a realistic goal for 1978," Sims stated. "The figure represents an increase of 20% or only 300 more people."

Suggested attendance goals for each college were mailed recently to the presidents urging their early planning in providing for the increased attendance at the convention on April 20 - 21, 1978.

AJCCA is made up of 20 public and 7 private two-year colleges with a total employment of some 4,000 people.

Report from Legislative Committee

by Joe Ford, Chairman

As you are aware we have just completed the 1977 Regular Session and we hope the last Special Session that Governor Wallace will call for this year. I feel that we got close to a maximum amount of money per our division as we possibly could on the Education Budget.

As a legislator, I am particularly proud of the Special Committee appointed by Governor Wallace which worked long and hard to come up with a unified budget. There was only about a two million dollar change between this committee's recommended budget and the final approved budget. I think the biggest benefits we will receive are salary increases which for nine month personnel were: Rank 1 - \$1,245.00, Rank 2 - \$1,360.00, Rank 3 - \$1,475.00 and Rank 4 - \$1,590.00.

I feel that we are entering an era in which we need to take a good look at such benefits as life insurance, dental insurance, and better medical insurance. Chances are slim that we will receive this kind of pay increase next year and we should seek these types of benefits as our target for education in 1978.

I would like to commend Representatives Bob Hall, Hugh Boles, and Joe Brindley for their help in passing through the 1977 Education Budget.

I urge each of you to contact me or any of the representatives in the House associated with the Junior Colleges if you have any recommendations or comments on the upcoming budget.

ACHE Announces New AJCCA Representative

Dr. John F. Porter, Jr., Executive Director of the Alabama Commission on Higher Education has announced two new ACHE professional staff appointments. Dr. William O. Blow, a former Dean of Instruction at Patrick Henry State Junior College at Monroeville, will be assistant director for academic affairs. He will be responsible for reviewing proposed programs at junior colleges and technical colleges, and for coordinating development of role and scope planning documents for those institutions. Dr. Blow will be the officially designated ACHE representative to the AJCCA Executive Committee.

Dr. Blow received his B. S. from Bob Jones University, and his M. Ed. and E.D. in community college administration from Auburn University. He has served on the faculties at Bob Jones and Athens College, and most recently has taught social science at Patrick Henry. Married and the father of four children, he is a member of the Methodist Church.

Dr. Proctor has also appointed John H. Napier, III, as the new assistant to the ACHE executive director. He has just retired as a lieutenant colonel from the U. S. Air Force, where he had extensive experience in professional military education, as an historian, and in public affairs. He received his B. A. in history from the University of Mississippi, M. A. from Auburn and has studied toward a Ph.D. at Georgetown University. He has served on the Air War College faculty and as Air University Command Historian at Maxwell AFB, Alabama.

"Editor's Quandary"



Please address all news, articles, suggestions, comments, etc., pertinent to your school as a part of our AJCCA to Charles Cobb, Jefferson State Junior College, 2601 Carson Road, Birmingham, Alabama 35215.